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Dear Sir:

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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants are calling the following to the attention of the Patent Office and request that they be considered by the Examiner:

United States Patent 3,528,914

United States Patent 4,085,802

United States Patent 4,168,257

All of the above-listed references were cited in the European Search Report from the Applicants' corresponding European Patent Application. However, the above-listed references may not be prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102 and this document should not be construed as an admission that any of the above-listed references are prior art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

United States Patent 3,528,914 may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it discloses an oil in water emulsion drilling fluid wherein the oil phase is a liquid petroleum oil and contains dispersed therein an oil dispersible colloid such as an asphalt and the continuous aqueous phase is substantially free of colloids.

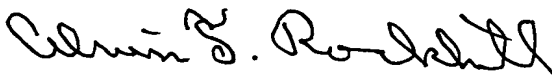
United States Patent 4,085,802 may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it discloses that sand control in an incompetent formation is

effected by squeezing a thickened composition [comprising a hydrocarbon oil carrier, particulate matter (e.g. sand) a base-settable thermosetting resin, a neutralizing agent (e.g., lauryl amine), a miscible polar solvent (e.g. ethanol), and a carboxy vinyl polymer (e.g. CARBOPOL 934)] in contact with the incompetent formation and curing with a basic catalyst.

United States Patent 4,168,257 may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it discloses a well treating process in which a granular mass is consolidated by contacting it with an epoxy resin-forming solution that precipitates a self-curing partially-cured resin, is improved by using such a solution that contains a viscosity-increasing amount of an otherwise substantially inert oil-soluble polymer.

Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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	3,528,914 A	09/15/70	Darley	507	107	
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